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Expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week.

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Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. THOMPSON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week.

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to honor and celebrate the commitment of individuals who meet the needs of the Nation through work at all levels of government;

Whereas over 20,000,000 men and women work in government service in every city, county, and State across America and in hundreds of cities abroad;

Whereas the United States of America is a great and prosperous Nation, and public service employees have contributed significantly to that greatness and prosperity;

Whereas Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals;

Whereas public servants—

- (1) help the Nation recover from natural disasters and terrorist attacks;
- (2) fight crime and fire;
- (3) deliver the mail;
- (4) teach and work in the schools;
- (5) deliver Social Security and Medicare benefits;
- (6) fight disease and promote better health;
- (7) protect the environment and national parks;
- (8) improve transportation and the quality of water and food;
- (9) build and maintain roads and bridges;
- (10) provide vital strategic and support functions to our military;
- (11) keep the Nation's economy stable;
- (12) defend our freedom; and
- (13) advance United States interests around the world;

Whereas public servants at the Federal, State, and local level are the first line of defense in maintaining homeland security;

Whereas for every essential service disrupted by the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, public servants responded quickly and effectively, many giving their lives for their country;

Whereas public servants demonstrated once again on September 11, 2001, that civil servants at every level of gov-

ernment are decent, hard-working men and women, committed to doing a good job regardless of the circumstances;

Whereas America's Federal employees have risen to the occasion and demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and courage during the attacks of September 11, 2001, and in their aftermath;

Whereas after September 11, 2001, thousands of Federal employees were deployed in disaster response teams, and government employees continue to contribute in the war on terrorism as a part of their normal duties;

Whereas each agency has a role in ensuring that the Nation is secure and prosperous despite renewed attention to those agencies which are directly fighting the war on terrorism;

Whereas May 6 through 12, 2002, has been designated Public Service Recognition Week to honor America's Federal, State, and local government employees; and

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week will be celebrated through job fairs, student activities, and agency exhibits:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends government employees for their
3 outstanding contributions to this great Nation;

4 (2) salutes their unyielding dedication and spirit
5 for public service; and

6 (3) honors those public servants who have given
7 their lives in service to their country.

1 (4) calls upon a new generation of workers to
2 consider a career in public service as an honorable
3 profession; and

4 (5) encourages efforts to promote public service
5 careers at all levels of government.

